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National Gang Center to work with Community Leaders in Syracuse

Syracuse, NY – United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Salvation Army Executive Director, Linda Wright, announced today that Kimberly Porter, a research associate with the National Gang Center, will be in Syracuse on Wednesday and Thursday, March 21-22, to work with community leaders on strategies to reduce gang activity and youth violence. The two day workshop is sponsored by the Onondaga County Community Intervention Committee, a local group that focuses on youth gang initiatives and includes representation from criminal justice agencies, schools, service providers, public housing and other community members. Support for this event is being provided by the Onondaga County IMPACT program and the U.S. Attorney's Project Safe Neighborhoods program.

This two day workshop will take place at The Salvation Army's offices at 677 South Salina Street, with a **Community Education Session, open to the public, on Wednesday, March 21, 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army's Chapel Auditorium at 749 South Warren Street.** At this public session, Ms. Porter will lead a discussion about local gang issues and present information on the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model.

About the National Gang Center and the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model

The National Gang Center conducts research on street gangs, serves as a clearinghouse and provides technical assistance and training across the country to address the issues of gang activity in neighborhoods.

The OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model involves five strategies for dealing with gang-involved youth and their families. The five strategies are

Community Mobilization:

Involvement of local citizens, including former gang members and community groups and agencies, and the coordination of programs and staff functions within and across agencies.

Opportunities Provision:

The development of a variety of specific education, training, and employment programs targeting gang-involved youth.

Social Intervention:

Youth-serving agencies, schools, street outreach workers, grassroots groups, faith-based organizations, law enforcement agencies, and other criminal justice organizations reaching out and acting as links between gang-involved youth and their families, the conventional world, and needed services.

Suppression:

Formal and informal social control procedures, including close supervision or monitoring of gang youth by agencies of the criminal justice system and also by community-based agencies, schools, and grassroots groups.

Organizational Change and Development:

Development and implementation of policies and procedures that result in the most effective use of available and potential resources to better address the gang problem.

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